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MUNICIPAL DIVIDENDS TOTAL \$650,000

Waukesha, WIS. – Waukesha County Executive Daniel M. Finley announces that 25 partnering municipalities will receive dividends for participating in the Waukesha County Recycling Program. Dividends in 2004 will total \$650,000.

"Each year our local government partners receive dividends for being involved in this unique, cooperative program," said Finley. "I commend these municipalities for their participation, which helps provide the public with cost effective service efficiencies."

The program uses grant funds received on behalf of participating municipalities and revenue from the sale of recyclables to provide program education and coordination. The monies are also used to process recycled materials at the County's Material Recycling Facility (MRF), which opened in 1991 and was expanded in 1996. No tax levy funds are used.

Since its start, 245,000 tons of newspaper, corrugated cardboard, magazines, office paper, glass, plastic bottles, and cans have been collected and processed for recycling at the MRF.

Finley said, "Our partners get returns on their investments because they had the foresight to join our program. These municipalities realized the collective power in its business structure and cost saving measures. In tough economic times, our residents should be proud of successful outcomes like this."

As a result of efficient program operation, higher market revenues for recycled materials in recent years, and continued grant funding, municipal dividends range from \$ 1,540 to \$152,678.

MUNICIPAL REBATES TOTAL \$650,000, continued...

The chart below lists dividend allocations.

Municipal Recycling Dividend Distribution:

Villages:

Big Bend	\$ 4,186
Chenequa	1,585
Dousman	3,166
Eagle	5,371
Elm Grove	42,437
Hartland	29,551
Lac La Belle	1,540
Merton	4,383
Nashotah	4,183
Oconomowoc Lake	2,212
Pewaukee	30,494
Wales	5,830

Towns:

Brookfield	25,833
Delafield	15,421
Lisbon	27,458
Merton	3,444
Oconomowoc	7,222
Summit	24,597
Waukesha	10,730

Cities:

Brookfield	116,613
Delafield	18,900
New Berlin	35,269
Oconomowoc	52,574
Pewaukee	24,322
Waukesha	152,678

For more information about the MRF or the Dividend Distribution Program, please contact the County Executive's Office at (262) 548-7902.